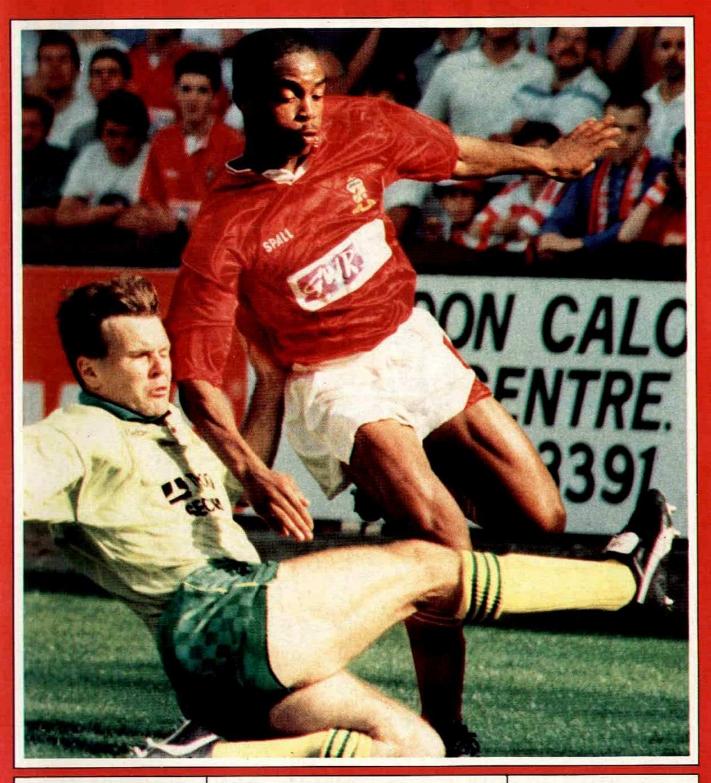
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Defeat showed the need for strength in depth

Welcome again to the County Ground, where we tonight welcome the players, officials and supporters of

Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Obviously we were all very disappointed with the outcome of last Saturday's match against Middlesbrough, especially as I felt that we had played well in the first half. Unfortunately, we lost our way in the second half when I was forced to withdraw Alan McLoughlin because of injury.

Some people were very surprised with my decision to replace Adrian Viveash with Nicky Summerbee after bringing Adrian on as substitute. But my decision was made with winning the game in mind. We needed somebody up front to try to turn the game back our way.

I have since talked to Adrian about my decision. He is obviously a young player who has a lot to learn and what happened on Saturday is one stage in the learning process.

Saturday's match very clearly demonstrated that we urgently need to strengthen the squad. As I have said before, I am very happy with the quality of the players that we have here, but we haven't the necessary strength in depth at present.

În the second half on Saturday we were without three players who played key roles in last year's promotion-winning season – Alan, Steve White and David Kerslake – and winning is always going to be that much more difficult if you are not at full strength.

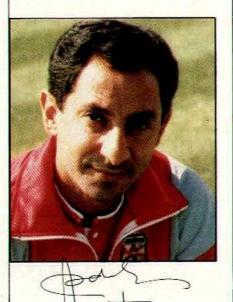
We are continuing to try to add players to the squad. As you know, we have signed John Buttigieg on a month's loan from Brentford. And you will hopefully see some more movement in the transfer market in the next few days.

I have recently received several letters from fans on the subject of the Town End, saying that they think that the Town End should once again be for home supporters.

This was brought home on Saturday when the Middlesbrough fans got behind their team and generated a lot of noise in the second half.

I have to say that I entirely agree with the people who have written to me about the Town End. I can report that the club is talking to the authorities involved and I would like to assure the fans that everything possible is being done to give the Town End back to home fans.

In the meantime, can I appeal to you to get behind the team as much as possible, including tonight, and enjoy the game.



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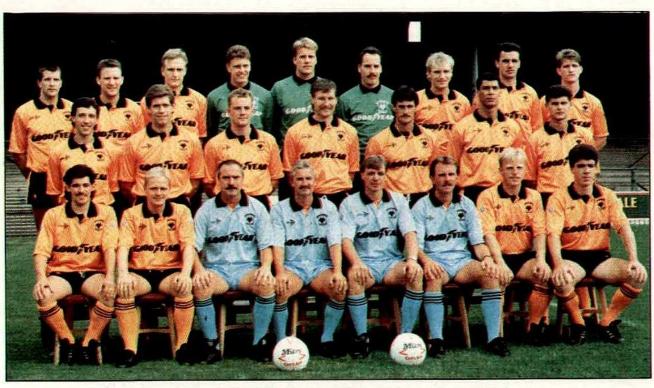
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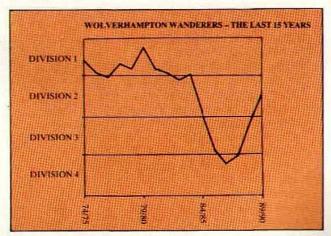
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS - FIRST TEAM SQUAD SEASON 1990/91

Back row left to right: Steve Bull, Robbie Dennison, Mark Venus, Vince Bartram, Mike Stowell, Tony Lange, Paul Jones, Paul Cook, Andy Mutch.

Middle gow left to right: Tim Steele, Rob Hindmarch, Nick Clarke, Gary Bellamy, John Paskin, Shane Westley, Tom Bennett.

Bottom row left to right: Andy Thompson, Keith Downing, Garry Pendrey (Coach), Barry Powell (Youth Team Coach), Graham Turner (Manager). Paul Darby (Physiotherapist), Brian Roberts, Paul McLoughlin.

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The squad

Steve Bull. "Bully" signed from West Brom for "a substantial fee" in November 1986. He has scored over a hundred goals for Wolves in less than 170 matches. Made his full England debut in May 1989 and has now made 11 appearances, 8 as sub.

Gary Bellamy. Tall, Worksopborn defender who spent seven years at Chesterfield before signing for Wolves in 1987. Made 39 appearances last year, scoring 3 goals.

Tom Bennett. Signed during the start of the 1988/89 season from Aston Villa, but didn't make his debut until September last year. Played 32 times last season, but didn't score a goal.

Paul Cook. Midfielder, born in Liverpool, who signed from Norwich for £250,000 a year ago. Previously with Wigan, he made 28 appearances last season and found the net twice.

Robbie Dennison. A forward who signed from West Brom in March 1987 and is now approaching 150 appearances. A regular member of the Northern Ireland team, he has won 7 caps. Wolves' only everpresent last season. Keith Downing. Signed on a free transfer from Notts County in 1987 and made his debut on the opening day of the 1987/88 season. Had made 97 appearances for Wolves by the end of the last season.

Rob Hindmarch. Recently signed from Derby for £350,000. Previously with Sunderland, he made 164 appearances for Derby.

Paul Jones. Born in Walsall, Paul played 143 times for his home town club before signing for Wolves in November last year for £15,000. Made 13 appearances last year, including 6 as sub.

Paul McLoughlin. Bristol-born winger who joined the club from Hereford for £45,000. Previously with Cardiff.

Andy Mutch. A striker who was born in Liverpool and joined Wolves from Southport in 1986. Scored 35 goals in the last two seasons and made his debut as an England B International in May 1989.

John Paskin. South Africanborn striker who joined Wolves from West Brom for £75,000 in the summer of 1989. He began hs career playing in South Africa. Made 10 appearances last season, plus 7 as sub. Brian Roberts. Veteran defender who signed from Birmingham on a free transfer this summer. Started his career with Coventry for whom he made 215 appearances. Played 187 times for Birmingham.

Tim Steele. Forward, born in Coventry. Joined Wolves from Shrewsbury in February 1989 for £70,000. Made his debut in a 6-1 win over Gillingham and scored one of the goals.

Mike Stowell. Goalkeeper who signed from Everton in July for a "substantial fee" after a spell on loan to Wolves last season. Has played for 6 different teams, but never played in Everton's first team.

Andy Thompson.

Wolverhampton-born midfielder who signed from West Brom in November 1986. The 5ft 4in player completed his 150th appearance for Wolves last season.

Mark Venus. Defender, signed from Leicester in March 1988. Previously played 4 times for Hartlepool, his home-team club. Has scored two goals for Wolves in 83 appearances.

Shane Westley. Central defender, born in Canterbury. Started his career with Charlton and made 144 appearances for Southend before signing for Wolves for £150,000.



PAUL PLOWMAN continues his season by season look back at Swindon Town through the years.

1961/62

Increasing the Town's goal output for 1961/62 was going to be an expensive business, as the P.F.A. had just won a major victory in getting the maximum wage lifted. With First Division players now demanding £100 a week, everyone would be seeking a pay rise.

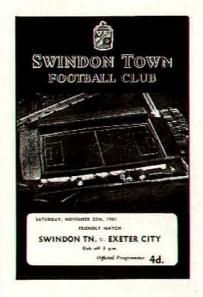
Nevertheless, it did not prevent the club from signing three forwards with proven goalscoring records. Jack Smith (aged 24), from Watford, and Ralph Hunt (27), from Grimsby, both arrived in June 1961 and Ken McPherson (34), followed in August from Newport County.

For Hunt, there was a dramatic start to his career at the County Ground. He scored within thirty seconds of his debut in the public practice match! Ralph appeared in only 25 games for Swindon before moving on to Port Vale in December, but he contributed

15 goals – including seven in six games during September. Goals flowed wherever he appeared, before he was tragically killed following a car crash just before Christmas in 1964.

Jack Smith also found the net fifteen times and Bill
Atkins – who was demobbed from national service in
November 1961, supplied eleven in 24 games, making it unnecessary for Bert Head to call upon the services of McPherson on more than ten occasions. Another Hunt – 'Ernie' – was again top scorer for the club with eighteen.

McPherson and Ralph Hunt scored in a First Round F.A. Cup tie at the County Ground against Kettering. But the Town conceded two goals in two minutes later in the game and suffered a shock 0-3 defeat in the replay, which saw goalkeeper Sam Burton make his 509th and final first team appearance for Swindon. Sam's place went to a 15-year old Irishman, Mike O'Hara, who had become Luton Town's



youngest ever League debutant a vear earlier.

In the other Cup competition, the Football League Cup, First Division Birmingham City were knocked out 2-0, following a 1-1 draw at St Andrews.

In Division Three, the Town had a disastrous start, failing to win any of their first nine games, and hovered over the relegation zone until well into December. In a bizarre sequence of seven games, the opposite number ten scored every time.

The tide seemed to turn after a 5-0 win over Crystal Palace on December 23 and Swindon went on to finish strongly, winning eight of their last eleven games and reaching ninth place in the table.

Average League gates at the County Ground fell below five figures for the first time since 1956/57, although receipts remained the same, at about £1,300!



The 1961/2 playing squad.

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Whatever happened to Ossie's team?

"Wembley is the cathedral of football" – the words of manager Ossie Ardiles on his arrival at the County Ground more than a year ago. It was, of course, "Ossie's dream" to play at the twin towers since his transfer to Tottenham Hotspur from Argentina in 1978. His hopes inspired a record (of the vinyl variety) which reached number five and stayed in the charts for eight weeks, with backing from Chas & Dave.

But what happened to those 1981 F.A. Cup winners? Milija Aleksig is now understood to have retired from the game.

Chris Hughton has just been released from White Hart Lane on a free transfer as reward for his loyal service - only last week a deal to take him to Sheffield United was put on ice; Paul Miller stayed around London, moving on to Charlton and Watford. Graham Roberts has recently been linked with Hearts as a managerial prospect - he was named in the national press as a possible Swindon signing when differences with Chelsea were first publicised, Captain Steve Perryman left Brentford in the summer, from where John Buttigieg has just been recruited by the Town on a month's loan.

Ricky Villa is back home in South America coaching juniors. GWR FM has interviewed him across the South Atlantic and he's full of praise for, and confidence in, Ossie's ability in the hot seat. He was substituted against Manchester City by Garry Brooke, who appeared in a Swindon shirt in a warm-up match to the new season at Cirencester. The then youngster didn't get on in the replay!!

Steve Archibald played in Spain, then at Blackburn with Ossie, and north of the border: Tony Galvin is a popular figure with the Wiltshire club, while Glen Hoddle is in Monaco. amidst intense speculation that he'll return to the Football League, with Chelsea or the Town - most have heard the rumours!! There's no question he admires the Samba-soccer style!! Garth Crooks is well known in administrative P.G.A. circles and plays for Charlton, turning out against us at Selhurst Park on the opening Saturday of the season. He scored in the second game against the Sky Blues - Ricky Villa was twice on target - who can forget his fine individual goal?

Twelve months later, another replay success, conquering Queens Park Rangers with Hoddle's spot-kick. He had also netted on the previous Saturday's showpiece occasion.

New faces in the Spurs Wembley side included Ray Clemence, now an "expert" providing radio summaries on big games; Paul Price, who's SHAUN HODGETTS OF GWR FM WITH HIS "IN-DEPTH" LOOK AT THE FOOTBALL SCENE



playing in East Anglia, and Micky Hazard, described as "unsettled" at Portsmouth.

The Cockerel connection has stood Swindon in good stead: the manager, chief executive Peter Day, who's been at Colchester in the interim, marketing boss Harry Hughes and at the players' level with the signing of Shaun Close from Bournemouth – he had moved from the capital to the coast.

Spurs' success of the early Eighties wouldn't go amiss here in the Nineties!!

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I would stress that this is not to deter fans travelling to Oxford. There is ample parking in the area. Should you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
R. G. Dudley
Football Liaison Officer

Shrivenham Road fans

Fans who stand on the Shrivenham Road terrace are reminded that for safety and security reasons they will no longer be allowed to leave the ground by walking in front of the Town End at the end of matches. Thank you for your co-operation.

Steve Foley Man of the Match



Steve Foley was named Man of the Match for his performance against Bristol City. He wins a meal for two at the Biplob Restaurant in Wood Street, Swindon or High Street, Highworth.

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Mr P. Fealey of 30 Redbrook Street, Tuebrook, Liverpool, L6 0AL has a number of Town programmes (home and away) for sale. If you are interested. please write to Mr Fealey at the above address.

Was it a dream?

If you wondered whether our play-off victory over Sunderland was a dream, then why not buy the souvenir colour video of the match, called A Day To Remember. It's available now for £20 if collected (£1.25 extra for postage and packing) and also includes scenes from the players' open top bus ride through the town.

Full colour videos of all home matches are also available and cost £11.50 if collected (£1.25 extra for postage and packing).

The videos can be obtained from the Commercial Office, at the back of the Town End.

Friends in Sunderland

Tony Powton of Eldene, Swindon, has written to us about a Sunderland fan he met on holiday, who wrote the following poem:

The Wembley play-offs we did

With heads held high as you will know.

Sunderland – well, we done 'em good,

But their supporters slung no mud.

To Division One, they all said, But no one looked beneath the

All sorts of horrible things came down

To haunt the fans of Swindon

They dumped us to Division Three

And knocked us all upon our knee.

Then we made our great appeal From the FA chaps we got a deal.

Division Two you will stay And live to fight another day. The fans who pay at the gate Are not the ones to castigate. So come on Swindon, slug it

And win promotion first time out.

And then your fans come to Roker

Not having to stand another choker.

Hooligans and yobbos we are not,

Just friends and fans – best of the lot

So on another summer's day When two great teams might come to play

The fans again will win the day. So ha-way the lads of Swindon Town.

Johnny "Mackem"

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Agent Provocateur

My wife decided not to come to today's game.

Actually she hasn't come to a game since February 12th, 1980.

That was going to be a rather special day. The semi-final of the League Cup 2nd leg – Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Swindon Town at Molineux.

The score after the first leg: Swindon 2, Wolves 1. 90 minutes away from Wembley. The prize – a final tie with Liverpool or Notts Forest.

We travelled from Newmarket to the Midlands, checked into the elegant Mount Hotel, Tettenhall Wood, and booked a table for dinner after the match.

The wife was dreaming of Gravan Lax with dill sauce, followed by Medallions de beouf, washed down with a little Puligny Montrachet and Chateau-bottled Claret respectively. We left for the game in nervous expectation, but in high spirits. We lost 3-1.

On the way back to the Mount Hotel (after a 20-minute delay in the multi-storey car park), we stopped for fish and chips and a can of Fanta Orange. They were eaten and drunk in total silence.

The wife hasn't come again.

* * *

Jimmy Hill is greatly concerned that he has made enemies-for-life amongst Swindon Town supporters. Many of you will have seen Jim make comments regarded as unfavourable to the Club in an interview with Des Lynam during the B.B.C.'s World Cup coverage.

Jimmy has sent me a transcript of what he said. His comments included:—"The fault lies with the players and the officials (of S.T.F.C.) who showed, over a period of time, a blatant disregard of the rules and they had to be punished in some way...

"The fans didn't really waste their money, they had a good time while it was happening. All that (the punishment) occurred because Swindon, the Club, had gained an advantage over the other clubs in the competition through disregarding the rules. So it's sad for the fans, but justice has to be seen to be done if the Football League's going to have any creditiblity."

Jimmy claims that his remarks were fair comment, and that, anyway he had agreed with Des to play agent provocateur.

Ossie made his feelings towards him very clear indeed.

Personally, I feel that people in football's glass-house should not throw stones.

But, to be fair, pundits are not paid to sit on the fence.

* * *

As the Town play their sixth game of the season, a marvellous cricket season draws to a close.

Last Sunday, the Lords Taverners, for whom I play the occasional game, enjoyed a farewell game for the inimitable Godfrey Evans at Canterbury.

The previous weekend three Taverners, including myself, suffered a deeply humiliating experience in a most entertaining game against Durham and Northumberland at the Gateshead Garden Festival.

The game had begun encouragingly. The Northerners were all out for 178, a target that looked well within the Taverners' capacity on a benign artificial wicket.

I had the satisfaction of bowling Newcastle's Micky Quinn round his legs, to his considerable annoyance.

Then the trouble began. After six overs, Taverners were 9 runs for 4 wickets.

Three of us – J.P.R. Williams, Henry Kelly and myself were cleaned bowled by J. Smith.

J. Smith was a girl.

It was no consolation to learn

JOURNALIST, RACING COMMENTATOR AND SWINDON TOWN FAN JULIAN WILSON GIVE HIS PERSONAL VIEW



Julian Lli/c

Jill Smith had played seven Test Matches for England Ladies, or that she is regarded as one of the finest female medium-paced bowlers in the world.

It was seriously embarrassing – especially when Jill was taken off with figures of three wickets for four runs, to save the Taverners from further punishment.

Even the still elegant and effective Faroukh Engineer looked extremely relieved!

Could it happen that one day a girl could nutmeg Ross Maclaren and belt a stinger past Fraser into the net?

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The second and final part of our short history of the County Ground-sta

The County Ground saw "service" as a POW camp during the War – a fact now immortalised in a Trivial Pursuit question.

Post-War building restrictions prevented any radical change to the ground in the late 1940's (even if the money had been available), but by 1951 ground improvements were being made in the shape of floodlights.

The Town became the first League Club to install lights, but it had been Headington Town (later Oxford United) who set the trend. Several League clubs visited the Manor Ground to play under lights, but Swindon Town were the first to follow their example, installing 7 lamps behind each goal, at a cost of £350.

They were first switched on for an exhibition match against Bristol City on April 2nd, 1951. The Town won 2-1, but had to wait another five years before floodlights got league blessing and the by-then improved lights were among the first used for a League match. The present pylons, which rise 120ft, were built in 1960.

It was during this period that advertising first appeared at the County Ground, when Noel Arkell persuaded the club to allow an advertisement for Arkells Beer.

Previous enquiries had failed to persuade the club to abandon its "no advertisements" policy, but a combination of desperate financial straits and poor form on the field helped to change their minds.

Worse still, 90% of the timbers in the North Stand were found to be rotten in the mid-fifties and only season ticket holders were allowed to sit there while the necessary work was carried out. Whoever carried the work out would appear to have done a good job – the stand was to remain for almost another twenty years.

The 1950's also saw the building or rather re-building of the Shrivenham Road stand. It used to stand on the Aldershot Military Tattoo ground, along with another which was sold to Accrington Stanley F.C. It is thought that the Shrivenham Road stand stood at Aldershot for about 30 years.

The Shrivenham Road stand is unique and Simon Ingliss, in his book The Football Grounds of England and Wales, talked about it with great affection. He calls the stand the County Ground's best feature, poetically saying how, with its green back, it "appears to







Top: The North Stand – which cost £264,000 in 1971.

Below: A view of the ground in the late 1960's and the North Stand under construction.

of the Aldershot transfer

short history of the County Ground - starting from the Second World War



have grown out of the parkland on which it rests."

But he also talked of Bradford City's main stand as "a lovable tangle of pillars and struts" and it was the subsequent fire there that effectively closed the Shrivenham Road stand. The fire escapes are inadequate for the 1,423 seats in the upper tier. The club even has to keep an eye on the weather because a forecast of high winds can cause a match to be postponed for fear of the stand being blown down. The stand is unlikely to get a third owner and looks set for redevelopment.

Five years after the Shrivenham Road stand was bought – in 1963 – the Stratton Bank clock was erected to commemorate our (short-lived) promotion to the Second Division. The North Stand rose eight years later as if as a memorial to our second promotion to the Second Division, in 1969 – not to mention the League Cup triumph.

During the 1969 season the record attendance crept up to the 28,898 who saw the Town lose 0-1 to Watford (despite a Peter Downsborough penalty save). The record has risen slowly over the years – 28,140, then 28,400 in 1952 and 28,582 for an F.A. Cup defeat at the hands of West Ham in 1963.

The 5,000 new seats in the North Stand finally helped the record over the 30,000 "barrier" on January 15, 1972 for a third round F.A. Cup tie with Arsenal, when the Town, as was customary with record attendances, duly lost, 0-2.

While the old North Stand, in front of the new one, minus its roots, died a lingering death, the new structure threatened to cripple the club, costing £264,000.

In the summer of 1972 the club found itself in desperate financial trouble and the promise of the League Cup-winning side, which narrowly failed to win promotion to the First Division, had faded. Repayments on the North Stand were major factors in the decision to sell Don Rogers to Crystal Palace for £147,000 in October 1972.

The last twenty years have been a battle to keep the ground maintained and abreast of ever more demanding safety regulations. More changes are just around the corner as we move into the all-seater age and Chapter 3 of the County Ground's history could be with us sooner than we think . . .





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First Day - Wednesday October 3rd

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2.15	The Gothering Novices Hurdle Race	2m
2.50	The Cirencester Amateur Riders'	
	Steeplechase (Hcap)	$2^{1/2}$ m
3.25	The Cognac Corvoisier Handicap	
	Hurdle Race	3m 1f
4.00	The Churchdown Steeplechase (Handicap)	3m
4.35	The Notgrove Novices Steeplechase	2m
5.10	The Rosehill Three Yrs Old Novices	
	Hurdle Race	2m
Secon	nd Day - Thursday October 4th	
1.45	The Cheltenham & Three Counties Race Club	
	Novices Hurdle Race	$2^{1/2}$ m
2.20	The Studd Challenge Cup Steeplechase	
	(Handicap)	2m
2.55	The Swindon Town Handicap Hurdle Race	2m
3.30	The Nailsworth Intermediate Handicap	
	Steeplechase	3m
4.05	The Frenchie Nicholson Conditional Jockeys'	
	Handicap Hurdle Race	$2^{1/2}$ m
4.40	The Postlip Novices Steeplechase	$2\frac{1}{2}m$
5.10	The Grunwick Stakes National Hunt Flat Race	e 2m

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Tuesday October 2, 1990

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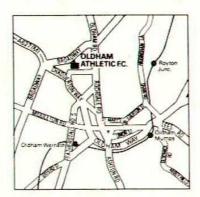
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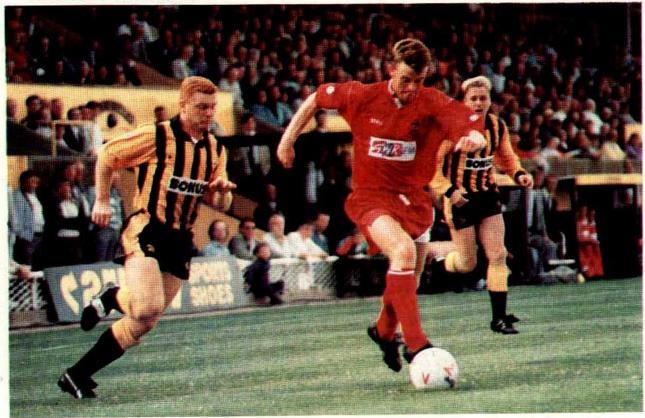


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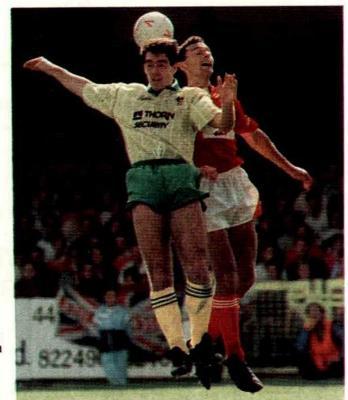
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He is a 45-year-old print
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who is in his tenth season as a
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refereed a semi-final in the
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Match Action



Above: Dave Hockaday playing his last game for the Town at Hull before he joined Hull for a fee of £60,000.



Right: Colin Calderwood in action against Bristol City in our recent encounter.

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McLOUGHLIN: Hit target

SWINDON looked like making it three wins out of four this season, but instead committed away-day soccer suicide.

They squandered every early chance they created, before midfielder Alan McLoughlin snatched them the lead after 66 minutes — only to get into a terrible defensive tangle a minute later and let Neil Buckley equalise for Hull.

Swindon's attacking brand of football had promised a lot, but in fact achieved nothing in the first half with Shaun Close dashing the fans' hopes in front of goal.

The Mail on Sunday, 9.9.90

Hull 1 Swindon 1

Hooliganism has almost been wiped out at Swindon Town's County Ground.

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Evening Advertiser, 8.9.90

Swindon 1 Middlesbrough 3

Ossie's men had dominated the first period. taking a comfortable lead just before the half hour.

Duncan Shearer notching his third goal in five games, stabbed home Fitzroy Simpson's cross at the near post.

Simpson made himself

the space by cleverly weaving his way past two Boro defenders.

Swindon were on top but they were a little fortunate seconds earlier when keeper Fraser Digby and Colin Calderwood both threw themselves in the way of goalbound shots from Bernie Slaven and John Wark

Slaven began Swindon's misery in the 51st minute when he cancelled out Shearer's goal

He slid on to Martin Russell's chip to beat Digby from close range.

With five minutes to go, Bobby Mustoe, their £375,000 summer signing from Oxford, hit the second after moving on to Stuart Ripley's pass.

Just before the end Slaven was on target again with his fourth of the season.

> MAN OF THE MATCH Slaven (Middlesbrough)

Swindon are made to pay

Swindon 1 M'boro 3

MIDDLESBROUGH staged a splendid second-half recovery to maintain their unbeaten record—but they were greatly helped by Swindon's woefully weak defence.

Swindon's covering in the second-half left much to be desired and they were punished for sloppy back passes. It was a joyful ending for the North Eastern side but misery for Swindon who had threatened to run the visitors off the park in the first-half.

Boro's stylish goalkeeper Stephen Pears pulled off two brilliant saves within a minute to stop Swindon from taking an early lead.

He leapt to his left to turn away a powerful Duncan Shearer shot and then from the resultant corner, plucked Fitzroy Simpson's powerful header from under the bar. Swindon's pressure eventually paid off in the 27th minute when, after a shot from Boro's Stuart Ripley had been kicked off the line, Simpson broke down the right, held off two challenges and crossed for the grateful Shearer to net.

And then on the stroke of half-time Pears tipped a Simpson shot onto his post but this time Shearer could only hit the rebound overthe bar

Four minutes into the second-half McLoughlin, who had been at the heart of most of Swindon's first half attacks, limped off the field

From then on Swindon failed to find any cohesion

and Middlesbrough came storming back into the game

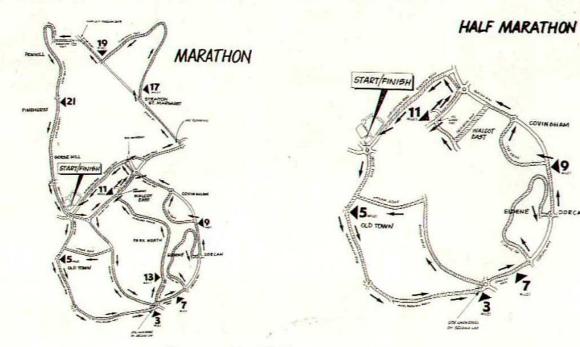
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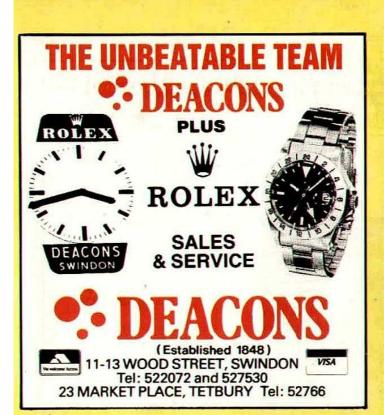
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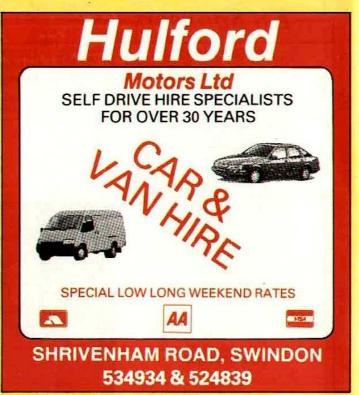
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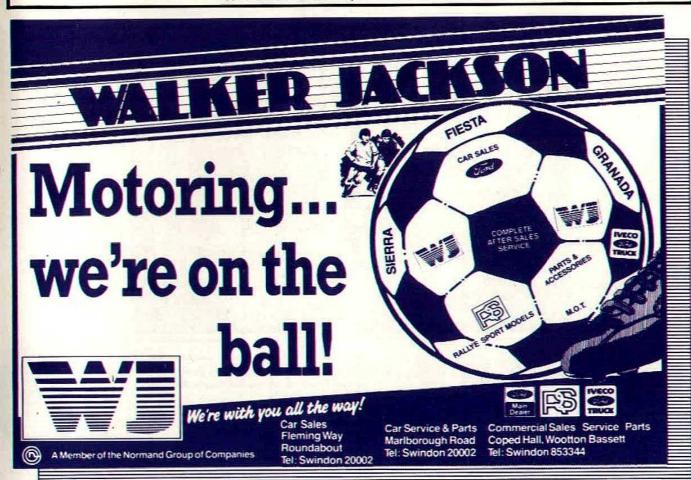
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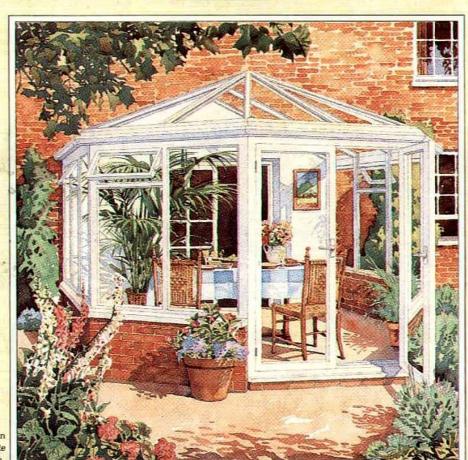
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Duncan Shearer

- Duncan lives in Stratone Village, Stratton with his wife, Michele. They are expecting their first child in October.
- His elder brother, David, played for Middlesbrough, Wigan, Grimsby, Gillingham, Bournemouth and Scunthorpe.
- He is one of seven children, with three brothers and three sisters.
- His favourite current players are Marco van Basten, Andreas Brehme and Ian Rush.
- Kenny Dalglish, Jimmy Johnstone and George Best are his favourite players of the past.
- He is a life-long Celtic supporter. He even says that green and white are his favourite colours!
- The first match he saw live was a cup-tie between Celtic and Partick Thistle.
- When he was at school he wanted to be a deep sea diver, but now, if he was not a footballer, he would work for the Forestry Commission.
- Jeff Bridges and Doris Day are his favourite actors.
 "Whiskey Galore" is his favourite film.
- He likes to holiday in Scotland or on the Greek Island of Skiathos.
- Cheers, Only Fools and Horses and wildlife documentaries are his favourite TV programmes.
- His hobbies include playing golf (handicap 16), tennis and badminton.

- He likes Italian food particularly Spaghetti Carbonara, washed down with Lager Shandy.
- As with fellow Scot Colin Calderwood, his favourite comedian is Billy Connolly.
- His favourite musicians are The Corries, Phil Collins and Tony Makem and the Clancy Brothers.
- "Shoals of Herring" by The Corries is his favourite song.
- He drives a silver Ford Orion Injection, but he would like to own a Ford Sierra Cosworth.
- Arsenal defender Tony Adams was his most difficult opponent.
- He reads The Sun and The News of the World, but "definitely not the Sunday People".
- The Wheatsheaf at Upper Stratton is the thing which he likes best about Swindon.
- Fulham's Craven Cottage is his favourite away ground.
 Selhurst Park is his least favourite.
- He keeps a scrapbook of his career, together with videos, a few programmes and the shirt he wore at Wembley in May.
- He prefers to kick towards the Town End goal.
- If he was a supporter, he would watch matches from the Shrivenham Road terraces.
- "Fields of Blood" by Gerald Seymour is his favourite book. James Herbert is another of his favourite authors.



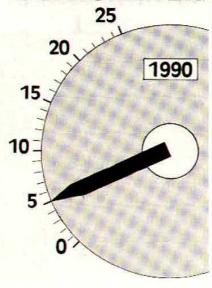


- His room-mate on away trips is Tom Jones, but he says he gets on well with all the players.
- He says that the best goal he has scored was in the 3-2 win at Watford in October 1988.
- If he could change any rule in the game, he would allow three substitutes - a goalkeeper plus two outfield players.
- He has never taken a penalty in a competitive match.
- Pele is the person he would most like to meet.

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Newcastle Utd.	4	3	0	1	5	2	9
West Ham Utd.	5	1	3	0	5	3	9
Middlesbrough	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
W.B.A.	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Bristol City	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Brighton & H.A.	4	2	1	1	6	.5	7
Swindon Town	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Ipswich	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Wolves	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Port Vale	5	2	2	1	9	10	6
Barnsley	4	2	0	2	5	7	6
Bristol Rovers	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Oxford United	4	1	0	3	7	11	3
Blackburn Rovers	5	1	0	4	6	10	3
Leicester City	5	1	0	4	4	10	3
Portsmouth	5	0	2	3	6	11	2
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2	JOHN BUTTIGIEG Maltest international – a 26-year-old loan signing last week from Brentford.	BRIAN ROBERTS Now a "veteran", with 400 League appearances behind him.
3	PAUL BODIN Gained his second full cap for Wales in Denmark last Wednesday.	MARK VENUS The former Leicester player missed only two games last season.
4	ALAN McLOUGHLIN Was a second half substitute for Eire against Malta a week ago.	GARY BELLAMY Scored in Wolves' opening away win at Port Vale.
5	COLIN CALDERWOOD Came close to claiming his first goal of the season at Hull ten days ago.	ROB HINDMARCH Made 26 First Division appearances for Derby County last season.
6	JON GITTENS Conceded a penalty against the Wolves here last season.	KEITH DOWNING Signed by Wolves in the Fourth Division and has risen with them.
7	TOM JONES Scored the first goal at the County Ground last season in this fixture.	ANDY THOMPSON Scored Wolves' only goal here a year ago, from the penalty spot.
8	DUNCAN SHEARER Also found the net in the Town's 3-1 victory against Wolves last year.	PAUL COOK Made his League debut for Wigan in 1984, but still only 23.
9	SHAUN CLOSE Scored eight pre-season goals but still awaits his first of the season proper.	STEVE BULL The England striker began the season well with two goals on the opening day.
10	ROSS MacLAREN Has now played over 400 League and Cup games in England since arriving in 1980.	ANDY MUTCH Has been second top goalscorer to Steve Bull for each of the last four seasons.
11	STEVE FOLEY Signed full professional forms for Liverpool 10 years ago this month.	ROBBIE DENNISON Scored an early goal against Bristol Rovers at Molineux ten days ago.
4	12. FITZROY SIMPSON 14. NICKY SUMMERBEE	12. TOM BENNETT 14. JOHN PASKIN



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Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)

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TODAY'S BALL SPONSOR: **BLUNSDON HOUSE HOTEL**

TODAY'S MASCOT

CARLY SMITH is four years old and lives in Somerford Close, Swindon. She attends St. Philips Play School, Beechcroft Road, and her favourite player is Colin Calderwood.



Linesman Red Trim: D. T. Morgan

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